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Amendment to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An inclination measurement instrument for measuring an inclination with respect to a vertical direction, the inclination measurement instrument comprising:

a main body frame that is to be arranged along a vertical face to be measured, the main body frame having a first end and a second end; and

a reference arm connected to the first end of the main body frame so as to be perpendicular relative to the main body frame; and

a telescoping arm connected to the second end of the main body frame so as to be perpendicular relative to the main body frame,

wherein the reference arm and the telescoping arm extend in the same direction from the main body frame and are adapted to contact the face to be measured, and

wherein the telescoping arm has a slide scale that is movable by telescoping the telescoping arm and a bubble gauge for determining a level of the telescoping arm, the bubble gauge being mounted at a position corresponding to a reference line of graduations of the slide scale.

wherein, during an inclination measurement, the telescoping arm is adjusted so that the telescoping arm is level as indicated by the bubble gauge.

2. (Previously Presented) The inclination measurement instrument according to claim 1, wherein the bubble gauge determines a level of the telescoping arm in a telescoping direction.

3. (Previously Presented) The inclination measurement instrument according to claim 1, wherein

the bubble gauge determines a level of the telescoping arm in a direction perpendicular to a telescoping direction.

4. (Previously Presented) The inclination measurement instrument according to claim 2, wherein the bubble gauge determines a level of the telescoping arm in a direction perpendicular to a telescoping direction.

5. (Previously Presented) The inclination measurement instrument according to claim 1, wherein the bubble gauge can be observed from both upper and under sides of the telescoping arm.

6. (Original) The inclination measurement instrument according to claim 1, further comprising a driving mechanism that drives a telescoping operation of the telescoping arm.

7. (Previously Presented) The inclination measurement instrument according to claim 6, wherein the driving mechanism converts a rotary movement of a rotating member into a telescoping movement of the telescoping arm.

8. (Previously Presented) The inclination measurement instrument according to claim 1, wherein the reference arm is provided with a protrusion on a portion to be in contact with the face to be measured on an outer side of the main body frame.

9. (Previously Presented) The inclination measurement instrument according to claim 1, wherein the main body frame is provided with a bubble gauge for determining a level of the main body frame.

10. (Previously Presented) The inclination measurement instrument according to claim 1, wherein, when the telescoping arm becomes level as indicated by the bubble gauge, the inclination of the face to be measured is indicated by the slide scale on the telescoping arm.